

encourages involvement of NGOs, including not for profit organizations in the management of KGBV schools.

**Vocational education to women**

616. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any policy for providing vocational education to the women on free of cost basis in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) This Ministry has not formulated any such policy.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya Scheme**

617. SHRI M.V. MYSURA REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have launched a new scheme called Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in the country;

(b) if so, State-wise/district-wise details of such Vidyalayas being set up in the country;

(c) the State-wise details of financial allocation sanctioned and actually released by Government for setting up of KGBV in the country during the current year; and

(d) the time by when the above Vidyalayas in the country are likely to be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (d) The Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya (KGBV) scheme was launched by the Government of India in July, 2004, 2077 KGBV schools have been sanctioned till date.